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 For: **Nozzle Tip and Seal**  
 Inventor: George Olaru  
 Our Ref: 2107.1760001/TUM

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2. Form PTO/SB/08a (1 page) and Form PTO/SB/08b (1 page) listing three documents (AM2; BD1 and AA4);
3. Copies of documents BD1 and AA4; and
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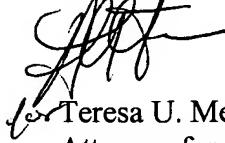
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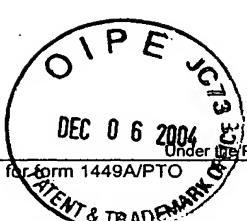
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